SOME SOCIAL PLEASURES.

O, free and easy neighbors are so nice to have The daytime isn't lonely when they're running in and out,

They give a sense of safety from the burglars in the night-

Oh, yes, a social neighborhood is ever a delight. It's pleasant in the morning, when you're busy To have old Mrs. Jones drop in to tell you all

And when she's gone see Mrs. Todd come puf-To cheer your drooping spirits with how people of you talk.

It is indeed enjoyment when the servant from next door Comes for a cup of sugar or a pinch of tea or It's fun to lend your papers, books and tools, because, you know,
To get them back necessitates a call you likely

It's pleasant in the afternoon, when dying for a nap, For Mrs. White to visit with her baby on her And have to say it's beautiful and cunningwhen it ain't, And kiss it when its squalling tries the patience

It's nice when neighbor's children in your gar den come to play And pluck your choicest flowers which they, after, throw away,

And trample with their muddy feet your cleanly stoop and hall, And raise so grand a racket that you can not

think at all. And when your neighbor's chickens, goats, pigs, cows, and dogs and cats, Come in to scratch, root, how! and bite and fight

ferocious spats, The day is never lonely for you're busy throw ing stones, Nights, robbers never hurt you for you can not

It's pleasant in the evening, when you want to go to bed.
To entertain late callers while they talk you

You like to hear their merry laugh and loud discussion long, And have them wake the baby with a jolly mid

Indeed it is delightful to sit patiently and smile When these familiar neighbors of the free and Run in to chat or borrow-while the ones you

For fear they are intruding, stay away so mod-Yes, for a fact, it's pleasant to have neighbors all about;

They find you're very handy when they feel like going out. They "accidentally drop in"-a dozen times

And give you such enjoyment that you wish they'd stay away. -H. C. Dodge, in Goodall's Sun.

THE STRANGLER VINE.

A Horrible Plant in Yucatan, the Grip of Which Is Death.

A Prospector, While Searching for Wealth, Falls Into the Clutches of the Deadly Creeper-His Terrible Struggle for Life.



OU want to know how those marks came these you? Well, you so I'll spare you the trouble

co Examiner. Across the back of it were two livid lines. One of these lines passed inside his hand and wound around his little finger. This finger was twisted and broken and bent backward. Right up to the finger-nail extended the flery thread-like line.

The second line was a deeper red. wider than the other, and from it other filament-like lines branched, covering the wrist with a network of scarlet tendrils. The main line could be seen to wind once around the wrist and was then lost up the speaker's sleeve.

"Well," he resumed, "you remember the excitement that followed the discoveries of silver in Yucatan in 1877. The Indians had been bringing down small quantities of horn silver for some time and selling it at Merida. Finally their temples. At all events the mer- the silver mine. chant came back with two burros laden with almost pure silver. He said that there was silver enough in sight at the mine to load a fleet of steamers. He told in a general way where the treasure mountain was, and started out



I THOUGHT I COULD TRACE THE OUTLINES OF TWO HUMAN FORMS.

with a pack train for more. One of his mules strayed back nearly a month heard of him.

"I was one of the swarm of prospecmine. It had taken the merchant two running stem another would coil around a pipe by a school-boy, the diamond is weeks to make his first trip, so we could calculate about what distance he stronger, and on and on it dragged me. | no effort is required to keep it dancing. had traveled. I had for a companion a Ralize Indian hunter, who knew some- it crush and crumble beneath my heel. thing of the interior country. We trav- I looked down. It was a human head, eled ten days through the wildest coun- one of those white spots I had seen try that any one ever heard of. Moun- through my glass. The body, fearfully writing, Charles? tains whose snowy tops were thousands shrunken and emaciated. lay there Great Author An essay on the imof feet above the clouds and whose sides among the coiling, twisting vines. Near portance of a thorough knowledge of were covered with jungles so thick that | it was another. for days together we simply had to hew our way through it. At last we reached struggled. These two had been caught to be getting on very fast with it. a valley, the other side of which was in the toils of the awful mounter like | Great Author-No, I'm stuck. I can't

"'From the summit,' he said, can see the Chihuandassi.' "I had heard of the Chihuandassi. The name means Table of Dead Men. and the Indians say it is covered with plants that have the power of motion. " 'Have you ever been on the Chi-

huandassi?' I asked. " 'No man has ever gone there and returned to tell of it,' he answered.

"We crossed the valley, passing through the ruins of a great city built of almost transparent quartz, and finaldays later stood on the top. On the tus. other side was a narrow gulch and beyond it a sheer wall many hundreds of could hear the muscles crack and strain feet high. Still the top of this was as I pulled. I cut the thickest stem lower than we were and we could look that enveloped me, and, for the first down upon the Table of Dead Men. time since the struggle began, was able The mesa on the other side of the gulch to make a step backward. But the seemed perfectly level, and as far as we could judge was surrounded on all sides by just such a precipice as we saw. The country is all sandstone, and the swift my flesh with a terrible power. I had country is all sandstone, and the swift my flesh with a terrible power. I had little rivers have nearly all worn deep kept my throat free, though the vegetchannels for themselves. In many localities you can walk one hundred miles, be able to throw a stone into the river, and yet you may die of thirst, so high and erect are those fearful walls. The Chihuandassi was covered with some low vegetation, and there were a few trees in the distance. " 'That is the flower that travels,' said

my companion. "He noticed my look of amused in-

credulity and resumed rather angrily: "'You don't believe it? I have seen it move. Look there!"

"I looked. The table was agitated and looked like the waves of the sea. The whole green surface seemed to approach the edge nearest us. My hair rose for a moment, then I burst out laughing. 'It is only the wind tossing the snakeweed,' I said. "'But there is no wind here."

"He spoke truly. The air where we stood was perfectly still. Yet, I ex- IN plained, it might be a breeze engendid not extend to our side.

" 'No, no,' he insisted. 'The Indians who have lived here for years know one who goes ever comes back from there.

"Two Indians who loved one woman went up on the Chihuandassi to battle. Human eyes never again saw them alive. We are told that they fell victims to the flower that creeps.

"I had a first-class pair of glasses with me and I directed them to the then I fainted. plateau. Half covered with the vines and creepers I could see something

ever went up to that mountain-top was the secret of the silver mine." a story of the Indians to prevent any one from going there.

"'I'll bet a horse,' said I, 'that the mine is there, and I'm going to see.' "Well, to cut it short, I left him there, and, with one mule, started for the Chihuandassi. I calculated that I

bend, however, I came right up against It appeared as if the rock had recently started to climb. The bowlder was

looked strong enough to bear my trated American. weight if I succeeded in reaching them. So I began to climb the wall.

"At last I grasped the hanging vines. "The stems were covered with fine points like a prickly pear, but 1 could not let go without falling. I reached my other hand higher and grasped another vine.

around my wrists, other stems fell over the edge of the cliff. They curled around my arms and waist like snakes. Then they began to draw me up, and almost before I realized it 1 was dragged the foot of the cactus.

tighter and tighter.

in the power of this constricting thing frame-work. that covered acres of land paralyzed me the vine. The pain brought me to my gold pens are tipped. senses, and I began to fight for my life. later, but that was all that was ever | One hand was still free, and in it was | tion on the hoop the rhodium point prosnake-like coils of the devilish vege- scientists call a condition of unstable tors that started out to find the old table. As fast as I could cut away one equilibrium. Like the pea blown with

"My foot struck something and I felt

bounded by a separate chain of mountains. These, from where we stood, "I was getting weak. The pressure Munsey's Weekly.

seemed perfectly unassailable, but my about my limbs was unbearable. I had companion said he had been on top of cut myself badly in cutting the strangling bonds. I looked over the mesa with a wild hope of seeing some one or some-

thing to help me. "The mesa was all in motion. The vines were twisting, curling, falling, rising, trembling. It was a moving mass like the ocean and the waves were reaching and falling towards me.

"It was not the wind, blowing the snakeweed. The flendish plant had ly struck the trail he spoke of and two those shriveled bodies by the giant cac. for five minutes before serving .- House

"I made a final effort to escape. I



AN INSTANT THE TENDRILS AROUND MY WRISTS.

dered by the nature of the country that table serpents seemed to strive to coil about it. So I cut and struggled back- six hundred small cucumbers, and two ward. A final slash, a jump, and I was quarts of peppers. Put them in a tub seize me again before I could get down, | der vinegar and three pints of water. water-course and clambered up there.

"How I thanked God when I found nothing there but greasewood and cactus. I saw the vines swing and kee Blade. sway over where I had escaped, and

"When I came to, the mesa was quiet white. There were two spots that might | it had not been for my aching, swellen be skulls, and I thought I could trace limbs I would have sworn it was all a the outlines of two human forms. They nightmare. But there laid the two might have been rocks, and were doubt- dried-out bodies. While I lay there I ess what originated the Indian legend. recognized them. It was the half-breed "An idea suddenly occurred to me merchant from Merida. The other that this story of certain death to who- was doubtless the Indian who betrayed

SALT AS A DISSIPATION.

Perilous Effect of Its Excessive Use on the Gentler Sex.

Salt, the least harmful of condiments, if such a necessary article of diet can how those marks | could get around in three days, and told | be termed a condiment, is by the medihim to camp there and wait for me. It cal profession recognized as a species of was nasty work getting down into the dissipation in its excessive use among would guess a river-bed, but I did it before night, and many women. Every one knows how mighty long had the satisfaction of camping on an flat and flavoriess all food becomes time before you old trail that night. Early the next when the system is a trifle deranged; it would come near morning I entered a fissure at the base is just then, when men resort to bitters iry. By wetting it again, she at once of the lone mountain. It was a dry and burning sauces to tone up their water course, not more than a dozen jaded appetites, that women find their feet wide, and wound around between sole recourse in the apparently innohigh sandstone walls. It was, however, cent salt cruet. It is the old story of He held up his comparatively free from brush, and I giving an inch to yield an ell, and bebrown right got along famously for a time. There fore the victim knows it her palate dehand as he spoke, says the San Francis- were many rattlesnakes and centipedes mands a double or triple quantity of along the old water course, but nothing the mineral to savor every morsel she eats. Some go to far as to salt not only. "I had been going up the old channel | the substantial dishes, but tea, coffee, for probably four hours, getting higher fruit, nuts, sweetmeats and wine. every step. The walls of the water They begin by taking a pinch extra course were getting lower, and at this now and then to pique their tastes, and point I was not more than forty feet before long steal a bit to keep in the below the surface. As I turned a sharp pocket, or buy a crystal to nibble on the sly. Nature's revenge on her weak a howlder that completely filled the daughter is as insidious as the result they frequently expressed their vexacreek bed. The trail ended right there, her immutable laws have suffered. She flies her first signals of distress in a rolled down to where it lay. I thought deadening of the skin, replacing the that if I could climb over it I could pink glow of health by a dim, yellowish continue on up the water course. So I pallor. Lips and cheeks blanch alike, this change being accompanied by a rough enough to enable me to gain deepening of every shadow on the face. holds for my hands and feet, and though This is as nothing, however, to the deit was slow, hard work and I often slipped struction this morbid habit works on a back, at last I managed to surmount it woman's crowning glory, her hair. one of the half-breed merchants of that and stood on top. To my intense sur- And it is astonishing how sensitive the town got an Indian drunk and induced prise I found myself within a dozen feet the hair is to every fluctuation of one's him to tell where they obtained the of the floor of the mesa and just above health. Soon, each time the comb silver. They say it was one of the me one arm of the giant cactus I had passes through it brings great handfuls mines from which the Aztecs, or what- seen from the other mountain. Then I of long, shining strands. No lotion or ever race it was that built the cities determined, instead of continuing in the tonic is effective in checking the loss, the ruins of which cover so many miles dry creek bed, to scale this wall and so and, unless corrected, the abnormal 'n that country, used to get silver for reach the mesa where I expected to find amount of salt in the system will produce partial baldness. Even now quite "The sandstone was soft and I had a number of women are under treatstrong knife. Besides, at the edge I ment, some avowedly and others sesaw some vines hanging over that cretly for this form of excess.-Illus-

WHY DIAMONDS SPARKLE.

An Invention Which Greatly Enhances the Beauty of the Gems. Many persons have been puzzled to

account for the ceaseless motion of diamonds in the ear-rings worn by ladies. It makes no difference that the "In an instant its tendrils were head of the wearer is in perfect repose, and that she is speechless, the twinkling goes on, greatly enhancing the flashing beauty of the gem.

The secret of this motion is in the setting of the diamond, and the method over the edge of the chasm almost to is patented. The patentee is reaping a royalty of fifty dollars from every "The vines dragged me on, other manufacturing jeweier to whom he stems curled about my legs and drew sells the privilege of using it. The stone is set in the usual manner, ex-"Then I realized that the Indian cept that a band like the handle of a story was no fable. The idea of being diminutive basket is attached to the

On the other side of the band is a for an instant. The hand that had first cup-like cavity. On the lower part of touched the vines was being crushed in the hoop is a pin, pointed with rhodium the devilish tendons. My little finger -a motal which never wears outwas broken backwards by the power of something like the irridium with which

When the diamonds are put into posimy knife. I began to hack at the jects into the cup. The result is what me. Fight as I would, the vine was given no rest, with the difference that -Chicago Journal.

Great Author's Wife-Wnat are you

the English language. "I realized at all while I backed and Great Author's Wife-You don't seem remember now to spell "embarrass."-

USEFUL AND SUGGESTIVE.

-Gum camphor will speedily clear the house of cockroaches. -Great improvement will be found in tea and coffee if they are kept in glass

jars instead of tin boxes. -Artificial complexions are said to be on the increase. Very likely; since where they are once adopted the wearer soon has no other to speak of.

-Mashed Sweet Potatoes.-Wash the life and motion, and every fiber of it sweet potatoes and boil them till they was straining to reach me. I knew that sweet potatoes and boil them till they if those advancing waves of black ever | mash them, adding salt, pepper and butreached me I was lost. I would be like ter. Put them in a dish in a hot over keeper.

-Cream Pic.-Beat four eggs with a teacupful of sugar, add half a pound of butter, two tablespoonfuls of flour and a pint of milk; mix well and pour over a pint of boiling milk, stir until cool, flavor with extract of vanilla. Bake in

Place in glass cans and pour over suf-

ficient good cider vinegar to cover it,

stirring it well that the vinegar may

penetrate thoroughly from top to bot-tom of can. Seal and keep in a cool place. - Housekeeper. -Melon Salad.-Slice a muskmelon, lay slices of onion between and cover it closely and keep in a cool place half an hour; remove the onion just before serving, and add pepper, salt, a little cayenne and one teaspoonful lemon juice to one teaspoonful of vinegar and two of suct oil, mix all well together and pour

case is one of the things a nurse has to exert her thoughts to relieve. Pure, cold water, even when iced, does not relieve thirst so well as when there is some sort of substance added. Lemonade, toast and water, apple tea, or barley water, are preferable in many cases. as they all have a slight degree of nourishment.-Good Housekeeper.

-Pickled Cocumbers .- Washand wipe over the edge and on the bowlder in the with one and a half cupfuls of salt, and better. Those flowers are devils. No dry creek. But the demon's arms fol- a piece of alum as large as an egg. Heat lowed me. I knew that they would to the boiling point three gallons of ciso I dashed to the other side of the Add a quarter of a pound each of whole cloves, whole allspice, and stick cinuamon, and two ounces of white mustard seed, and pour over the pickles .- Yan-

-Alabaster figures are cleaned with the following mixture: One ounce of borax and a quart of boiling water. again. The vines had receded, and if When cool, wash the figures gently, and dry with a silk handkerchief. If badly stained, try a paste of quicklime and water, and let it remain on for a day; then wash off in soap and water. Olive oil, occasionally applied with a soft woolen cloth, keeps buhl cabinets and ormolu ornaments bright. First clean off all of the dust - Roston Rudget.

-A Sweedish servant-maid, finding that her mistress was troubled with sleeplessness, told her of a practice of the people of her country who are similarly afflicted. It was to take a napkin, dip it in ice-cold water, wring it slightly and lay it across her eyes. The plan was followed, and it worked like a charm. The first night the lady slept four hours without awakening, something she had not done for several months. At the not done for several months. At the apply to the nearest ticket sgent of the Wa end of that time the napkin had become bash or connecting lines. able force to arouse her in the morning.

CRUELTY OF SELFISHNESS. An Incident Which Should Teach a Lesson

to Many Thoughtless Persons. It was in the waiting-room of a popu-

ar city physician, one dark, drizzly afternoon. The leather-cushioned chairs were filled with waiting patients, some in real and some in imaginary need of healing. Among those who had longest been in

waiting were a mild-mannered lady with a babe in her arms, and a welldressed man and woman. But while tion at the length of time consumed by those before them, in the consulting room, the gentle-faced lady spoke not a word of fault-finding, although as she paced up and down the carpet with her fretful child in her arms, there was a look of deep solicitude on her face. Gradually the babe became quieter,

but the anxious look only deeped on the mother's face, and she looked a shade whiter and almost stopped breathing as she stooped once to press her face against the babe's cheek. Then she glanced longingly toward the door of the consulting-room, but was compelled to renew her restless pacing up and down, with more nervousness in her ster than before.

At last, when it came the turn of the systerical looking lady to enter, the distracted mother, in a moment of desperate anxiety for her babe, which overcame all her natural timidity, took a few quick steps, and, with a hurried apology for her boldness, asked if she would not grant her the privilege of taking her turn. "I would not ask it, but for my baby's sake, which I fear is-"

"Your baby seems quiet enough," was the freezing reply of the other, in the tone with which she would address an nferior; "and I'm sure my sufferings eserve some consideration.'

With this the lady swept in to con sume the busy doctor's time in detailing the minutest symptoms of her latest ail- to delicate women. ment, while the anguished mother pressed her infant closer to her heart vent to her own nervousness than to quiet the child.

When the lady came out, the mother looked up to cast one appealing glance at the gentleman who was to follow ber, and who evidently was her companion. sion of indifference, and subsided into her weary rounds of the room.

At last it came her turn. With nervous haste she struggled toward the door, to its makers. pausing a second on the steps to remove the covering from the child's face. No one could ever forget her cry of startled horror and the expression of white despair on her face. There was no need or her to see a physician. The child or two-but we doubt it. was quiet enough, as she had been told: but it was the quiet of death.

The physician said that it was one of might have saved life. No doubt both the persons who had denied the mother's request with such heariless incivility, the news to them! would have written a liberal check to relieve a case of need, or welcomed some great opportunity to play the benefactor, but it is the little calls for humanity that run counter to our own love of ease, or that call for some common sacrifice of pride or self-interest, that most bring out the exceeding cruelty of selfishness - Youth's Companion.

-In the Egyptian room at the Metropolitan Museum of Art there is a job lot of miscellaneous heads and feet of mummies, discovered by Maspero and never yet identified. An old lady from the country stopped in front of the case and gazed at these fragments of dead and gone Pharaohs with intense interest, and then turning to her attendant she paralyzed him with the inquiry: "Say, mister, will you tell me what fire they came out of-them victims there?" Poor soul, she was indignant at the ripple of laughter that rose around her, but the attendant did his best at pretending that he had not heard the question .- N. Y. Sun.

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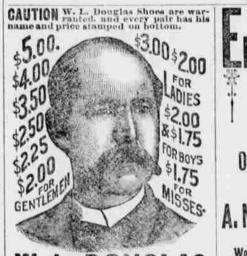


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